

Extradition of Chhota Rajan

3694. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chhota Rajan, wanted by the Indian Police in more than 20 dreaded cases is wandering in Bangkok and Thailand; and

(b) if so, what steps his Ministry has taken to extradite him for a trial?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) No definite information about the whereabouts of Shri Rajendra Sadashiv Nikalje alias Chhota Rajan alias Nanabhai is available.

(b) However, the Government of India has already made a request to the Thai Government for the extradition of Shri Rajendra Sadashiv Nikalje alias Chhota Rajan alias Nanabhai.

Over staffed High Commissions and Embassies

3695. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian High Commissions and Embassies in some countries are heavily over staffed;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered the desirability of reviewing the positions to scale down the staff according to the requirements in order to curtail the infructuous expenditure; and

(c) if so, what steps are contemplated by Government in the light of the recent Government's declaration in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.